

## OUTREACH NOTICE

GS-1170-9/11

REALTY SPECIALIST

ELEVEN POINT RANGER DISTRICT

MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be filling a GS-1170-9/11 Realty Specialist position, as part of the unit's Zone program encompassing two Ranger Districts. This is a permanent position with a duty station of **Doniphan, Missouri**. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

Please respond to outreach by **October 11, 2013**, interested applicants are encouraged to contact: Tim Bond, District Ranger at 573- 996-2153, [tbond@fs.fed.us](mailto:tbond@fs.fed.us)

### **How to Apply:**

**Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain a USA Jobs profile and prepare their resume in that format. The vacancy will be advertised at <http://www.usajobs.gov> as an individual announcement.**

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION AND PLACEMENT LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

### **Major Duties**

Administers all aspects of the special use and realty program for both the Eleven Point Ranger District and the Poplar Bluff Ranger District. Possesses knowledge of real estate principles, practices, markets, and values in order to gather and apply information relative to land classification, land exchanges, withdrawals, land transfers, land donations, land status records, special uses, land line location, rights-of-way, and real estate purchase and lease activities. Serves as a specialist and technical authority on all phases of ownership adjustments and appraisal activities. Develops and prepares rights-of-way plans and programs for approval. Initiates and makes investigations and negotiations with land owners to obtain rights-of-way deeds or easements, appraisals, surveys, and the preparation and submission of narrative reports. Reviews potential encroachments and/or trespass on US Forest Service lands and determines appropriate courses of action in resolving such cases.

Administers a variety of special use authorizations (permits, term permits, leases, and/or easements) for a variety of activities, including recreation residences, linear rights-of-ways, electric power lines, gas pipelines, outfitter/guides, campground concessions, recreation events, communication uses, etc. Some of the special use authorizations the incumbent administers cross-administrative boundaries such as pipeline or outfitter/guide authorizations. Evaluates simple and complex special use proposals according to regulatory screening criteria. Contacts various publics, other governmental personnel, and Forest Service specialists to conduct financial and technical capability determinations, and to determine compliance with forest plan direction. Processes special use authorization renewals, terminations, revocations, or suspensions as appropriate.

Completes necessary National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation to fulfill NEPA requirements. Updates Infra SUDS and other related databases for the special uses and lands programs in a timely manner. Prepares written reports of findings and develops Geographic Information System (GIS) data and ensures this data is available for corporate uses.

### **ABOUT THE FOREST:**

Mark Twain National Forest consist of six ranger districts, mainly located throughout the southern half of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The MTNF contains approximately 1.5 million acres comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and some associated shortleaf pine. A full range of vegetation and recreation management activities on the forest include timber harvest and regeneration activities, TSI, prescribed fire, developed and dispersed recreation and mining. The Clark and Mark Twain National Forests were established following the passage of the Clark-McNary Act of June 7, 1924. During 1934 and 1935, eight separate purchase units were established. The Forest Service continues a strong purchase program with Land and Water Conservation Funds. The Mark Twain averages over one million dollars in purchases each year to buy key land tracts.

For more information on the Mark Twain National Forest visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/marktwain> or <http://fsweb.marktwain.r9.fs.fed.us>.

### **The Communities:**

**The Poplar Bluff District** is about 157,000 acres of pine and oak/hickory forest, with spectacular fall color. The district contains a trophy small-mouth bass stream, two managed lakes, three fishing rivers and two spring walk-in turkey hunting areas. The Poplar Bluff District contains portions of the Ozark foothills, but the eastern portion of the District is less rugged with some Mississippi Delta-like soils and conditions (elev. 300-800 feet). This combination leads to a variety of ecological settings. The Mud Creek Natural Area displays a complete ecological regime from dry upland oak/hickory forest to wet bottomland hardwood forest. The district manages two recreation areas: Markham Springs located on the Black River and Pinewoods Lake. There are many opportunities for professional growth and positive involvement with public and private organizations.

The district is located between two large Corps of Engineer projects, Lake Wappapello to the east and Clearwater Lake to the west. The Ozark Trail meanders across the district. Dispersed recreation use is primarily hunting/fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. The timber program seeks to balance the age classes/ size classes within several management areas. The wildlife program is focusing on learning more about rare species, managing small openings, improving wildlife habitat, and ecosystem restoration. We are very involved in the National Fire Plan. We have an urban interface with growing communities and intermingled ownership patterns. We are developing a strong prescribed fire program and investigating methods of accomplishing multiple goals through the use of prescribed fire. We use prescribed fire to enhance natural vegetative communities, reduce fuel loads and improve wildlife habitat.

**The Eleven Point District** consists of approximately 330,000 acres of pine and oak/hickory forest and has the most contiguous National Forest ownership in Missouri. Within the district boundaries are the Eleven Point National Scenic River; the Irish Wilderness, the largest wilderness in Missouri, encompassing 16,600 acres; the Ozark Trail; Greer Spring, the largest spring in the National Forest system, numerous caves and many other features of local, regional and national significance. Active programs include: vegetation management, fire application and suppression, recreation, trails, wild and scenic river and wilderness.

The district manages recreation areas on the Current and Eleven Point Rivers. The Eleven Point National Scenic River includes a 5 ½ mile Wild Trout Management Area between Greer Spring Branch and Turner Mill. The District contains four managed lakes, ponds, trails and numerous springs and caves. The terrain is formed by a rugged karst environment, an area of irregular limestone in which erosion has produced fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns. Sinkholes, such as those that formed Cupola Pond and Tupelo Gum Pond, have resulted in designation of these areas as Missouri Natural Areas, because of their uniqueness. Recreation on the District is primarily hunting/fishing, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding and hiking.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete and return the attached form. Email attached form to [tbond@fs.fed.us](mailto:tbond@fs.fed.us), or mail hard copy to USDA Forest Service, Attn: Tim Bond, District Ranger, #4 Confederate Ridge Road, Doniphan, Missouri 63935.

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## OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

To complete form, use tab key to move between fields (gray blocks), or left click on any field. Entries in check box fields are made by a single click to select or unselect. Type entries in other fields.

### Position Identification

Position Title: **Realty Specialist**  
Series/Grade: **GS-1170 -9/11**  
Location: **Eleven Point Ranger District, Doniphan Missouri**

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Title, Series, Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Current Organization/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Appointment: ☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Term ☐ Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Person With Disabilities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998   | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |   |

### Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

- ☐ Series currently identified and classified  
☐ Other appropriate series for which I am qualified

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.

- ☐ Target grade level currently identified.  
☐ Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I would like to be considered for this position at the location identified

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I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

- ☐ Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)  
☐ NTE 1 Year Detail or Promotion opportunity  
☐ Term Appointment

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, Interests, Needs or Provide Other Information:

How did you hear about this position?

Please send this completed form to [tbond@fs.fed.us](mailto:tbond@fs.fed.us) or fax 573-996-7745

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.